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SUBJECT: VISITS: US-SOVIET MAYORS EXCHANGE

1. IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL BY SOVIET EMBASSY HERE FOR EXCHANGE OF US-SOVIET MAYORS, US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS HAS SUGGESTED THAT 2 US MAYORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND THEIR WIVES PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO CITIES OF USSR MAY 14-28 TO DISCUSS AND MAKE ON-SITE REVIEWS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES AND FACILITIES. MAYORS OF NORFOLK, VA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO MAKE TRIP AND ARE NOW AWAITING AGREEMENT OF SOVIETS. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JOHN GUNTHER, ANXIOUS HAVE SOVIET REPLY ASAP IN ORDER THAT PLANNING MAY GO FORWARD.

2. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS ALSO INVITED RETURN VISIT OF CITY OFFICIALS FROM USSR IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN MAYORS WHICH IS HELD EACH JUNE. GUNTHER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE FOR SOVIET CITY OFFICIALS TO COME JUNE 1974. IF NOT, HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY DEFER VISIT UNTIL JUNE 1975.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INQUIRE WHEN DECISION MIGHT BE EXPECTED ON ABOVE PROPOSALS. RUSH

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